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SUBJ: NEW HOLY CROSS DETENTIONS

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1. SUMMARY: NEW GOC DETENTIONS AND CHARGES LINK MEMBERS OF ORDER OF HOLY CROSS WITH MIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. NO PUBLIC MENTION OF HOLY CROSS SO FAR BUT THIS PROBLEM PREJUDICES OUTLOOK FOR RESOLUTION ST. GEORGE'S ISSUE AND FOR FURTHER DELAY IN EX-PULSION FATHER PLASKER. END SUMMARY.

2. AT AMBASSADOR'S DINNER MAY 25, DCM RAISED INCIDENT OF MAY 7 DETENTION OF HOLY CROSS FATHER PANCHOT AND SEARCH OF HOLY CROSS RESIDENCES (REFTEL WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL VALENZUELA. VALENZUELA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD SPEND MOST OF SATURDAY, MAY 18, DEALING WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH HOLY CROSS PROBLEM. HE SAID SECURITY FORCES HAD ARRESTED A HOLY CROSS PRIEST AND A SON OF JUNTA AMBASSAODR TO BONN, RAUL YRARRAZAVAL LECAROS, IN LA PALENA POBLACION IN POSSESSION LARGE QUANTITY MIR PROPAGANDA. VALENZUELA SAID HE HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO CASE BECAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT YRARRAZAVAL BOY AND HAD WORKED

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ON THE CASE A LARGE PART OF THE WEEKEND OUT OF FEAR THAT WITHOUT

HIS INTERVENTION DETAINEES MIGHT BE EXECUTED.

3. NEXT DAY, MAY 26, SANTIAGO PRESS CARRIED REPORT BASED ON INFORMATION RELEASED BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT EWING. REPORT REVEALED DISCOVERY A WEEK AGO BY ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF "POLITICAL OR MILITARY CELL NO. 3 OF MIR" IN POBLACION NUEVA PALENA, COMPOSED OF FIVE PRIESTS, EX-PRIESTS, AND DECONS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH. A DECON, MARIO IRARRAZABAL COVARRUBIAS, WAS CAUGHT AND PLACED UNDER DETENTION IN ESTADIO CHILE, FOUR OTHER "MEMBERS OF CELL" ALL FUGITIVES:

FATHER DIEAGO IRARRAZABAL COVARRUBIA (BROTHER OF MARIO), EX-PRIEST JUAN CORTES, FATHER MARTIN GARATE, AND MAURICIO LABORDE. ALL WERE MEMBERS OF "CHRISTIANS FOR SOCIALISM," AN ORGANIZATION OF SOME 250 PRIESTS OF LIBERAL ORIENTATION WHICH GENERALLY FAVORED THE ALLENDED GOVERNMENT (SEE SANTIAGO A-5 DTD JANUARY 3, 1973 FOR EMBOFF MEMCON WITH GARATE). ACCORDING TO EWING, CELL TRIED TO RECRUIT FOR ARMED RESISTANCE GROUP UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW.

4. EWING TOLD PRESS MARIO IRARRAZABAL AND OTHER CLERGY WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO CHURCH FOR REMOVAL FROM CHILE. FUGITIVES MAY TAKE SANCTUARY WITH CHIRCH. HOWEVER, LABORDE, DESCRIBED AS LAYMAN, MUST FACE CHARGES. EWING STATED THAT HIGH LEVEL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH TO PERMIT ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES TRANSFER CLERGY INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, AS LONG AS NO ACTUAL VIOLENCE HAD TAKEN PLACE. AGREEMENT DESIRED BY GOC "BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT MISUNDERSTANDING AND PROBLEMS TO CONTINUE" WITH THE CHURCH.

5. COMMENT: DIEGO AND MARIO IRARRAZABAL ARE SONS OF RAUL YRARRAZAVAL LECAROS (SPELLING DIFFERENCES NOT UNUSUAL), DISTINGUISHED FORMER ATTORNEY, MINISTER, AMBASSADOR, AND DEPUTY WHO IS PRESENT GOC AMBASSADOR TO FRG. EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE GARATE IS MEMBER ORDER OF HOLY CROSS AND FORMER TEACHER AT ST. GEORGE'S AND THAT HE AND LABORDE (APPARENTLY THEN A PRIEST) VUSUTED CYBA WITH GROUP OF PRIESTS IN APRIL 1972.

6. WHILE PRESS REPORTS, AND PRESUMABLY EWING'S REMARKS TO PRESS, MADE NO MENTION OF HOLY CROSS, IT IS CLEAR THIS IS SAME CONFIDENTIAL

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CASE REFERRED TO BY VALENZUELA. THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS NEW PROBLEM AND THE PANCHOT DETENTION SINCE BOTH APPARENTLY OCCURRED IN SAME AREA AND VALENZUELA INDICATED FAMILIARITY WITH NAME OF FATHER PANCHOT.

7. WE ARE ATTEMPTING CONTACT FATHER PLASKER TO SEE WHAT HE CAN TELL US OF THIS AFFAIR. GIVEN EWING'S REPORT THAT CLERGY ARRESTED OR DECLARED FUGITIVES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO CHURCH FOR

DEPARTURE FROM CHILE, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT WE SHALL BE
ASKED TO PROVIDE VISAS FOR THEIR TRAVEL TO U.S.

8. THIS NEW PROBLEM, OF COURSE, PREJUDICES PROSPECTS FOR
ANY EARLY RESOLUTION ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL ISSUE AND FOR FURTHER
DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING OUTSTANDING EXPULSION ORDER AGAINST
HOLY CROSS SUPERIOR, FATHER PLASKER. ONLY POSITIVE ASPECT IS
THAT EWING STATEMENT HOLDS PROMISE THAT IF PLASKER IS EXPELLED,
IT WILL BE VIA CHURCH AUSPICES. WE HAVE HAD NO REPLY TO OUR
SUGGESTION IN SANTIAGO 1801 THAT HOLY CROSS TAKE ACTION TO
REASSIGN FATHER PLASKER AND WOULD WELCOME INFORMATION ON
RESULTS DEPARTMENT CONSULTATION ON THIS AND HOLY CROSS
SITUATION IN GENERAL WITH HOLY CROSS PROVINCIAL LEWERS.
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